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LETTER FROM SWITZERLAND.

Ragaz, Switzerland, July 25, 1006. It was with unfeigned surprise that an American mother, registering at a Swiss hotel about the 1st of July, ascertained that she could enter her two children in the neighboring public school. There was absolutely no "ted tape" about the aster. The two little strangers, who and a fair knowledge of German, were lessed with children of their own age, provided with books, music books, slates, escils, writing material, etc., just as the native children; every article was free, ad braud new. The mother, expressing her surprise at this liberality toward transient visitors in Ragaz, was told by occasion at all for her warm apprecia-tion. "Why not?" "What harm can two little children do?" "Wherefore (?" "Is not the object of the school to do all the service that it can?" And the American woman would have blushed to admit that, at home, the children of one county were often made unwelcome, or even refused free admittance to the country public school in the adjoining county! "Is not the in the adjoining county! "Is not the the object of the school to do all the service that it can?"

Following this generous view, Switz aland exhibits, in spite of the poverty tits people, a school system that puts richer nations to shame. As a necessary lways going on here, numbers of Italian masons are employed in the country. For the little children of these common Italian laborers, the public school authorities in certain cantons provide extra Italian teachers, that the little tongue, nor be hampered in their school nork by the difficulties of learning, first, strange speech.

A few days ago the little American children reported to their mother that there would be no school the following sy, as one bundred and eighty visiting hool children from the city of Basel, Bale, as it is on English maps, were sleep over night in the school house, he mother knowing Basel to be about 30 miles from Ragaz, charged this exdinary statement to her own childus' unperfect knowledge of German of sure enough, about eleven o'clock the lowing morning music was heard apreaching, and the tramp, tramp, tramp little feet, and one hundred and eighty bildren, marching in military order to the strains of their own little band, en-ered the village. A great van followed, ith knapsacks, cooking utensils, bedling, provisions, medicines, and all necessities for whatever emergency might arise, and on the top of all the luggage perched several little fellows, footsore, and unable to keep up with the others

It was a fine sight these sturdy little an's of a brave nation, each boy with an Alpine staff in his hand; all roughly clad, heavily shod for the long tramp, and their faces beaming with heat and exercise. A delegation of little girls same later by train. Curiousity sent the American mother to the school house and, peeping in the windows of the first oor, she saw that all the heavy furniture had been removed, and the floors were covered with fresh straw, where the tired tittle ones would sleep. At seven c'clock that evening, an incongruous company assembled outside the school walls, to see the preparation for supper. Fash ionably dresses French and English wonen, dissipated old barons. Hungarian and Polish adventures, mingled with the pessants of the village, the little trades-men, the bakers, the tailors, the tired mothers with babies in their arms and side the school yard, the visitors were making soup-camping out, in royal style! What a stirring and tasting, what a searching in knapsacks for spoons, knives and forks! What a rattling of tin soup pans, each fellow having his own! What a sawing and chopping of great loaves of bread! What a business ike strutting about, before the eyes of o many spectators! What a breaking up into little groups of congenial threes or fours, and siting down to ent! And Refrigerators.

then what a silence! This little army were out for a two weeks' excursion, "to see the Father land," making a round trip. They had had occasional lifts by train, but they had travelled mostly by foot; camping out when the weather was favorable, finding the hospitality of a school house, over night, here and there. There were some necessary expenses, but I was in ormed that when the parents could not spare the money, it was found in other quarters, Ffor must not every Swiss know the Fatherland?" They had seen cities and villages from Basel to Fluelen on Luzerne; had sailed on the beautiful lakes; had heard over and over the romantic stories of William Tell and Arnold

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